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close to 24 percent. New Jersey, 3 percent, they're 31st...or 32nd. There are a few others in the 20 percent bracket, but where does this money go? Let's even assume that the costs don't outweigh the benefits and we have all this money, where does it go?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: Does it go for only the extras that certainly the Legislature would have the authority to set under LR 14CA and even more so in LR 11CA? But let's imagine for a moment that the 49 members of this body came together, and maybe not even 49 members, but those who are philosophically opposed to supporting government with gambling revenues, came together and said, no, on legislatively sponsored gambling, legislatively authorized gambling, or petition authorized gambling. And I think back when there were some pretty poor ballot initiatives in the late nineties, mid and late nineties, that people from all over the state came together and realized that it wasn't good policy...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and defeated those soundly. I'd urge the adoption of FA1469. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing on FA1469. The question before the body is, shall the amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Smith amendment, FA1469, to LR 14CA. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I'd ask for a roll call vote please in reverse order.

SENATOR CUDABACK: A roll call vote has been requested in reverse order. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on the question please.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 680.) 19 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.